

Kenneth L. Hill

From: ljoyakers@charter.net  
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2006 2:18 PM  
To: Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai  
Subject: FCC Closed Caption Regulations

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007  
Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am upset and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

I just heard about this new ruling and as the mother of a deaf child, I want to ask that you please reconsider this. This will exempt a whole group of people (deaf & hard of hearing) from having access to programming that is readily available to everyone else. I understand that some organizations cannot afford this financial burden but the current regulations provide for that. Do not allow a loophole that will allow all entities a way to avoid their responsibility to provide equal access.

Lisa Akers  
Kingsport, TN

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Docket No 06-181

**From:** Cathy Artigues [cartigues@san.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2006 12:02 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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**OCT 16 2006**

October 13, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Cathy Artigues  
924 Olive Ave  
Coronado, CA 92118-2528



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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

September 19, 2006

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20054

In Re

DA-06-1802, released 9/12/06, Memorandum Opinion and Order In the Matter of Anglers for Christ Ministries, Inc, CGB-CC-0005, and New Beginning Ministries, CGB-CC-0007, Video Programming Accessibility Petitions for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

FCC Docket 05-231 in regard to closed captioning

Dear Commission:

I am filing this ex parte notice in response to a request from FCC staff person Ms. Dana Shaffer, at Tel 202-418-9832, who responded to a phone message I left for the Chairman on September 14, 2006 in regard to the matter cited above.

When DA 06-1802 was released it was clear that many members of our community, including persons with hearing disabilities and elderly persons with hearing limitations, had grave concerns about the impact of this Order. In the phone call to the Chairman's office, I left a brief message summarizing that there are concerns about this Order in regard to how regulations are being interpreted for petitions for exemption from closed captioning.

Furthermore, I stated we believed this Memorandum Opinion and Order should be reviewed since the analysis appeared to be a new way to determine exemptions and seems not to reflect the statutory requirements for what is an undue burden in providing closed captioning.

This is essentially the sum of my phone message on September 14, 2006.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Simpson  
Senior Director, Telecommunications and Technology Policy

American Association of People with Disabilities  
1629 K Street NW, Suite 508 • Washington, DC 20006  
phone 202-457-0046 (V/TTY) • 800-840-8844 (V/TTY) • fax 202-457-0473 • www.aapd.com

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Docket No. 06-181

**From:** Mary Adams [takinitlo@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2006 1:30 PM  
**To:** Mary Adams  
**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman,

I am a hearing impaired person and have been most of my life. I go from hearing aids to headsets to phones with great difficulty. I don't know if you yourself are hearing impaired or can relate to the significance of sitting down to watch a TV program or movie after a hard day and not be able to hear the dialogue and not being able to hear the dialogue; or more importantly, possibly there is a news broadcast or nationally important program that one might need to hear.

I protest the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. And the fear is that this will be a continuing trend. Why is it, if the disability doesn't show on the outside, people don't seem to want to see the pain. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Mary Adams  
529 Heatherglenn  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555  
7609779900

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Docket No. 06-181

**From:** Rosemary L. Armstrong [pmlarm@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2006 5:40 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, GCB-CC-0005 and GCB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear all -

I am a hard of hearing individual who depends on CLOSED CAPTIONING -

I protest the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by GCB. These orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am upset by this and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use!!

Please reconsider immediately - I and all of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in America need closed captioning - It's our window to the world!!

Rosemary L. Armstrong  
29487 Revis Road  
Coarsegold, Ca. 93614

Docket # No. 06-181

**Pam Gregory****From:** George Ann [gah@vzinet.com]**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 3:24 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** New FCC ruling**FCC ORDERS:****ANGLERS FOR CHRIST MINISTRIES, INC.; NEW BEGINNING MINISTRIES.**

Granted two separate petitions for exemption from the closed captioning requirements for video programming contained in section 79.1 of the Commission's rules.

**FILED/ACCEPTED****OCT 16 2006**Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**Action by:** Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.**Adopted:** 09/11/2006 by MO&O. (DA No. 06-1802). CGB

How can these orders be allowed to stand? My husband's activities are SO limited because of his hearing and now you're saying it's O.K. to lessen the quality/quantity of it!!

I'd love to see each and every one of you attempt to view T.V. for ONE day limited to the lousy captioning available! At least you're only allowing religion to be shut out, at this time...nothing important!!

9/19/2006

Docket No. 06-181

**Pam Gregory****From:** Atcherson, Samuel [Samuel.Atcherson@usd.edu]**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 9:50 AM**To:** Monica Desai**In Re** DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007**FILED/ACCEPTED****OCT 16 2006**Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear CGB Chief,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations.

Granting this exemption will put between 28 to 30 million Americans with hearing loss (not including children and adults with language disorders, and English-as-a-second-language citizens) at a significant disadvantage and tip the scales of communication and information towards inequality.

As a person with significant hearing loss who depends on closed captioning and subtitles, I am deeply upset about this proposed exemption. As a Christian, I frown on Angler's For Christ, Inc. in their request for exemption. All things cost money, but if it can't be freely accessible, a service or ministry must have some other underlying motivation such as financial gain. As an audiologist working with patients with hearing loss, I feel that you will be pulling an important crutch away from people with hearing loss, a large portion of which are senior citizens.

To grant this exemption potentially means that additional loopholes will be opened that allow even more companies to be exempted from this important service.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the exemption.

Samuel R. Atcherson, Ph.D., CCC-A  
Hearing aid and cochlear implant user  
Vermillion, SD

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From: Gina [lavezzi@cox.net]

OCT 16 2006

Sent: Monday, September 18, 2006 12:01 AM

To: Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell; Jonathan Adelstein; Federal Communications Commission  
Media and Public Affairs  
Director

Subject: In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. **Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!**

Virginia Allen

Escondido, California

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Docket No. 06-181

Pam Gregory

**From:** Heidi Adams [adams45h@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 2:47 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed caption exemptions

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

September 15, 2006

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear Ms DeSai:

I strongly protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by the Consumer and Governmental Bureau. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a critical loophole.

As a late-deafened adult I rely on captioning for access. The concept that anyone can avoid making materials and programs accessible by simply crying, "I can't afford it!" is mind-boggling. I would not be able to access information I need to work, to play, for personal development. I certainly would not have the parity with my hearing cohorts that the ADA promised.

Please reconsider this decision immediately! I depend on closed captioning!

Sincerely,

Heidi Adams  
910 Longmeadow Drive  
Geneva, IL 60134

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**Kenneth L. Hill****From:** Wirma7@aol.comFederal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 11:41 AM**To:** Kevin Martin**Cc:** Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman,

We as DEAF family protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning! You can't imagine how much closed captioning help us.

PS. We suggest you to put cotton balls in your ears and then watch TV without closed captioning and we hope you will understand what is going on TV.

The Azrelyant family (my husband, my two children and I are DEAF)  
Irma Azrelyant  
7 Honeyman Rd  
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

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Kenneth L. Hill

**From:** Shannon Anderson [RnSAnderson@rap.midco.net]Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:55 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai; Jonathan Adelstein**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

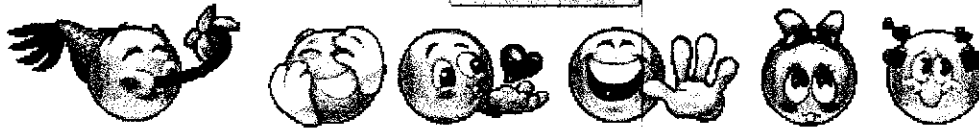
Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Shannon Anderson

7912 Wild Rose Street

Black Hawk, SD 57718

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**Kenneth L. Hill**

**From:** Richard Anderson [RDAnderson@rap.midco.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC0007  
**Importance:** High

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

*Dear FCC Chairman,*

*I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!*

*Richard Anderson*

*7912 Wild Rose Street*

*Black Hawk, SD 57718*

Docket No. 06-181

**Kenneth L. Hill**

**From:** Cathy Allen [Cathy.Allen@ncmail.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2006 9:08 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Caption for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
**Importance:** High

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear Mr Martin,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.

I feel that if the people making this decision had a deaf or hard of hearing child, brother, sister or any other family member or friend would consider the devastation of this decision.

Have you ever considered watching a show or movie with the sound turned off. If not, try it and see how you would feel if you did not understand what was happening or being said. This is a very important issue!

Having the blessing of hearing is wonderful but we all must take some responsibility in caring for citizens that do not have that option.

Please reconsider immediately!

**Closed Caption is needed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community!**

Cathy Allen  
1802 Woodford Place  
Wilson NC 27893

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**Kenneth L. Hill****From:** Ahearn, Ann (MRC) [Ann.Ahearn@state.ma.us]**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 10:14 AM**To:** Monica Desai**FILED/ACCEPTED****OCT 16 2006**Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman,

As a hard of hearing person since birth (now 50) after more than half of my life, I now understand television. I understand by reading lips and utilize my outstanding body movement skills. Have you ever tried to understand scenery when someone is "documenting" in the background? I have and it is impossible to understand. The world has ramps, handicap toilets etc please do not deprive those of us with hidden disabilities from our rights as citizens to also be protected. Thank-you

Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Ann Ahearn-Avitaile  
24 Kenneth Drive  
Bridgewater, Ma.

*Ann Ahearn  
QVRCD Hyannis*

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**Kenneth L. Hill**

**From:** Rena Arnold [Rena.Arnold@gallaudet.edu]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 7:22 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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**OCT 16 2006**

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

*September 25, 2006*

*FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

*Dear Monica Desai,*

*I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.*

*The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.*

*People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.*

*Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.*

*I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.*

*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rena Arnold  
18141 Chalet Dr Apt 103  
Germantown, MD 20874-5897*

Docket No 06-181

**Kenneth L. Hill**

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**From:** Teresa Adkins [dreamfire75@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 10:52 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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**OCT 16 2006**

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

*September 25, 2006*  
*FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

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*Dear Monica Desai,*

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*I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.*

*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Teresa Adkins*  
*247 2nd Ave*  
*Ripley, WV 25271-1521*

**Kenneth L. Hill**

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**From:** Wendy Andrews [fireprizm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2006 1:32 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

*September 24, 2006*

*FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

*Dear Monica Desai,*

*I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.*

*The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.*

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*I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.*

*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Wendy Andrews  
35 Courtshire Ln  
Penfield, NY 14526-2673*

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Kenneth L. Hill

OCT 16 2006

**From:** Jason Altmann [JasonAltmann@msn.com]Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2006 8:29 AM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; michael.copps@fcc.com; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

I would like to express extreme disappointment that the FCC approved almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions. It is unfortunate that the FCC board, who made the decision out of ignorance whether it may be unintentional or intentional, continues to suppress legally mandated accessibility to televised shows and news for deaf and hard of hearing people.

The FCC has severely weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I strongly believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else. Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned. This is an official expression of protest regarding to your decision and I would like to request you to please reconsider in overturning these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Thank you,

Jason Altmann

333 Stonefield Drive

Lake Mills, WI 53551

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From: D Christine Adams [adamslab2@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 7:12 PM  
To: Monica Desai  
Subject: Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

September 22, 2006

FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

*I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.*

*The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.*

*People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.*

*Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.*

*I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.*

*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

Sincerely,

D Christine Adams  
250 Springdale Terrace  
Yardley, PA 19067-3421

Kenneth L. Hill

**From:** Gary Brick [brick@mac.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 23, 2006 3:11 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein  
**Cc:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005, CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

*In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007*

*Dear Chairman Martin and FCC Commissioners,  
I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. This is completely unacceptable, please reconsider immediately! Any organization capable of funding the production and airing of a television program is entirely capable of supporting the miniscule added cost of captioning the program.  
We need our closed captioning!*

*Gary Brick  
4606 Stephanie Street  
Beltsville, MD 20705*

Pam Gregory

Docket No 06-181

**From:** Christina Burns [puppies529@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2006 10:02 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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**OCT 16 2006**

October 2, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Christina Burns  
15321 E 9th Ave  
Spokane Valley, WA 99037-9705

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Docket No. 06-181

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**From:** Joanne Barrios [jbarrios@farmersagent.com]Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2006 3:59 PM**To:** Monica Desai; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell; Deborah Tate; Kevin Martin**Subject:** DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, Commissioners and CGB Chief,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations.

I am outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.

Please reconsider immediately!

We need our closed captioning!

Regards,

Joanne Vanessa Barrios  
1814 Franklin St., Ste 630  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Ph) 510-444-7441  
Fx) 510-444-7443

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**From:** Chris Batrouney [cbatrouney@esteemarketing.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:53 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chief DeSai -

I am a hearing impaired person that relies on closed captioning when watching television. If you met me on the street and we started to chat you would never know I was impaired. I walk and talk and live just like everyone else, except for watching TV!!

I am appalled at the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.

Please reconsider immediately!  
So many people need closed captioning - I am one of them!

Chris Batrouney  
32 Van Etten Blvd.  
New Rochelle, NY 10804

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**From:** George Brehman Jr. [gandalf@dejazzd.com]**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 11:59 PM**To:** Monica Desai

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chief De Sai,

I have been suffered from hearing loss since birth and wore body type hearing aids for forty years and then after a period of complete deafness, began using a cochlear implant. In recent years, the availability and the requirements for provision of closed captioning has greatly aided me to enjoy once more the films and programs available on the television screen which, despite my aids and implant, I had found difficult, if not impossible, to enjoy prior to the advent of closed captioning.

In light of the recent decisions made by the FCC and its staffers regarding the relaxation of closed captioning requirements, can only say that I am appalled by these decisions. I therefore wish to express to you my protest of the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB.

It certainly seems that these Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, and are not in keeping with current regulations. I can only say that I and those like me are outraged and believe the FCC has now created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! Closed captioning is a vital necessity in the lives of an ever increasing population of individuals with a hearing loss due to either old age or the fact that we live in an ever noisier world!

Dr. George E. Brehman, Jr.  
836 Lake Street  
Lancaster, PA 17603-3204

10/11/2006

Docket No 06-181

Pam Gregory

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**From:** Jay Keithley  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 8:44 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW: FCC Decisions  
Undue burden

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** tracey batchelor [mailto:future\_captioner@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 24, 2006 8:21 PM  
**To:** Jay Keithley  
**Subject:** FCC Decisions

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from TDI and other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the FCC on September 12, 2006.

I respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.

Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information, just like building a ramp to the church door.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waivers when appropriate.

When you give full permanent exemptions to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years.

Closed captioning gives everyone access to news that is indispensable to the community, entertainment, and education.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracey Batchelor

cc:

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